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2. Thoriated Tungsten wire for production continues to be one of the greatest bottlenecks at the plant. Efforts are being made to use tantalum wire as a substitute.
3. Delivery requirements for molybdenum and tungsten wire for the fourth quarter of 1955 were reduced to a total of 80,000 DME as compared to 750,000 DME for the same period of 1954. If the molybdenum and tungsten wire is actually received during the fourth quarter of 1955, the total 1955 delivery requirements for these kinds of wire for this plant will be 1,800,000 DME versus 3,000,000 DME for 1954.
4. In the tube production program for 1955, the plant has discontinued production of all of the six-series tubes, with the exception of types 1 Z1 and P 50. The discontinued tube types are to be replaced by miniature tubes with the same performance specifications.
5. Some of the financial difficulties of the plant result from the fact that a disproportionate amount of capital is tied up in stocks which cannot be used, because they are made of materials of substandard quality or are rejects. For instance, as of 30 June 1955, a total of 450,000 DME was tied up in manufactured items which could not be moved because they were rejects. A further amount of about 300,000 DME was tied up in stocks of raw materials of substandard quality which could not be used.
6. As of early July 1955, the total personnel of VEB Werk fuer Fernmeldewesen-WF comprised 4,000 persons, as compared to approximately 8,000 persons for the same period of 1954.

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